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1. AMBASSADOR IS SENDING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO DONALD
KENDALL, AMERICAN CO-CHAIRMAN OF US/USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC
COUNCIL ON OCCASION OF FIFTH DIRECTORS MEETING IN LOS ANGELES.
MESSAGE WILL BE CONVEYED BY EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR.

2. TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE: "DEAR MR. KENDALL. PARAGRAPH.
THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE US/USSR TRADE
AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IS TAKING PLACE IN LOS ANGELES THIS MONTH,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECORDING THE PROGRESS, CONSIDERING THE
PROBLEMS AND EVALUATING THE PROSPECTS FOR THE EXPANSION OF
TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PEACEFUL TRADE IS
A GOAL WE ALL SEEK TO PROMOTE. THE RISING LEVEL OF
COMMERCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN RECENT YEARS HAS
ADVANCED THE WELL-BEING OF CITIZENS OF EACH. MOREOVER,
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BY BROADENING THE BASIS FOR POSITIVE AND PURPOSEFUL CON-
TACTS BETWEEN US, BILATERAL TRADE CREATES NEW BONDS OF
INTEREST AND CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.
THE PACE UPWARDS IN OUR TRADE RELATIONSHIP MAY NOT ALWAYS
PROCEED WITH THE SAME SWIFTNESS AS DID THE FIRST STEPS.
THERE MAY EVEN BE TEMPORARY SETBACKS. NEVERTHELESS,
IT IS MY OWN CONFIDENT HOPE THAT THIS DESIRABLE TREND

WILL CONTINUE AND WILL MOVE IN CADENCE WITH THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH WE ARE SO EARNESTLY SEEKING.

"THE SHORT EXISTENCE OF THE US/USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL HAS COINCIDE WITH THE VIGOROUS EXPANSION OF OUR TRADE, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GROWING AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY HERE IN THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS CLEARLY NO COINCIDENCE. THE COUNCIL HAS CONTRIBUTED FROM ITS CREATION TO THE GOOD BEGINNING WHICH HAS BEEN MADE. MUCH REMAINS TO BE ACHIEVED, AND MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IF WE ARE TO MOVE FORWARD.

"AT THIS TIME, PERMIT ME TO CONVEY TO YOU, TO CO-CHAIRMAN SUSHKOV AND TO ALL THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE COUNCIL MY CONGRATULATIONS ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AREA OF U.S.-SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS AND MY SINCERE HOPE FOR ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS." TOON

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